



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Municipal Building Commission

Date: January 12, 2004

To: Ways and Means Committee Chair Barbara Johnson

Subject: Historic Preservation Fund

Recommendation:

That the Minneapolis City Council approve the establishment of an MBC Historic Preservation Special Revenue Fund to be implemented and used as outlined below.

Previous Directives

Mayor R.T. Rybak requested that staff research the feasibility of generating external revenue from the following sources: café/deli, catering and space rental, and memorabilia sales. In addition, the Board directed staff to determine the feasibility of establishing an MBC Historic Preservation Fund.

Submitted by Council Member Lane on behalf of the MBC
Presenters in Committee: Lonnie Erickson-Baker

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

☐ No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget

☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget

☐ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves

☒ Other financial impact (Explain): MBC is requesting that the Finance Department establish a special revenue fund.

☐ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information Attached: At the August 6, 2003 MBC Board meeting, Mayor R.T. Rybak requested that staff research the feasibility of generating external revenue from the following sources: café/deli, catering and space rental, and memorabilia sales. In addition, the Board directed staff to determine the feasibility of establishing an MBC Historic Preservation Fund.

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Staff from the City Attorney's Office have reviewed the agency's enabling legislation and provided a legal opinion indicating that upon Minneapolis City Council and Hennepin County Board approval, the MBC has the authority to establish and utilize revenue from an historic preservation fund. In addition, City and County Finance Department staff have been consulted and provided recommendations on how such a fund could be established for receiving and expending funds for historic preservation activities.

Specifically, the MBC Historic Preservation Fund is proposed to be implemented as follows:

Per MBC Board approval and commencing on January 1, 2004, all revenues received from Municipal Building Commission initiatives including but not limited to the café/deli (and Hennepin County Government Center plaza cart), catering, equipment rental, space rental, vending machine sales and memorabilia sales will be used to support historic preservation activities related to the Minneapolis City Hall and Hennepin County Courthouse building. Other revenue generation initiatives may be added to this list in the future where necessary and as approved by the MBC Board. "Historic Preservation" is defined as any and all activities both operating and capital in keeping with the agency's mission to provide effective and efficient services to operate, maintain and preserve the historic landmark Minneapolis City Hall and Hennepin County Courthouse building, and ensure a safe and functional environment for City and County government employees, citizens and elected officials. All funds will be accounted for in a Special Revenue Fund according to City of Minneapolis accounting practices; any unspent funds remaining at the end of the calendar year will go into an MBC Historic Preservation fund balance and will be carried over into the next calendar year. Furthermore, all projects utilizing MBC Historic Preservation Funds will be brought before the MBC Board for approval.